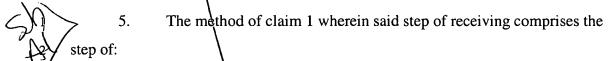


1. A method of switching between a previous base station and a new base station in a wireless communications system, said method comprising the steps of:

sending signals indicating to said wireless communications system the identity

- 4 of said new base station from which the wireless unit selected to receive downlink
- 5 data;
- 6 waiting for an indication to switch to said new base station
- 7 receiving downlink data from said previous base station until said indication;
- 8 and
- switching to said new base station after said indication to switch to said new base station.
- The method of claim 1 wherein said step of sending comprising the
- 2 step of:
- sending base station identification information on an uplink control channel
- 4 associated with a downlink data channel carrying said downlink data to said previous
- 5 base station.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein said step of sending comprises the step
- 2 of:
- sending said base station information and downlink data rate information on
- 4 said uplink control channel to said previous base station.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of receiving comprises the
- 2 step of:
- receiving downlink data from said previous base station until an indication
- 4 from said previous base station that data for said wireless unit at said previous data
- 5 has been sent.





- receiving downlink data from said previous base station until an indication
- from said previous base station that data is being forwarded to said new base station.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of switching includes:
- switching a channelization code associated with said new base station.